

Wenham Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes of February 13, 2006

Members Present

Patrick Wilson (chairman)
Leo Maestranzi
Philip Colarusso (arrived at 8:05)
Roland Bonnette

Malcolm Reid
Robert Burnett
Ken Whittaker
Linda Hansen (coordinator and secretary)

7:30 – 9:33 PM CONSERVATION COMMISSION BUSINESS MEETING

7:30 A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved by all present (5-0) to approve the minutes of January 23, 2006.

7:36 Notice of Intent - 140 Main Street

DEP file number 326-0285

Terra Search/Sprint Spectrum and Town of Wenham, applicants

Chairman Wilson recused himself and Commissioner Maestranzi assumed as acting chairman. Present were John Dick (Hancock Associates) and Tim Greene (Terra Search) representing Sprint and Peter Hersee (Town of Wenham). Abutters included Tod Brainard (168 Main St), Al Klebe (153 Main St.), Jim Howard (149 Main St.), and Serge Sacharuk (157 Main St.). Also present were David and Susan Mehlin.

John Dick submitted comments to Mary Rimmer's February 9th comment letter.

Discussion items included (but not limited to):

1. Elaboration on foundation of tower [Foundation (caisson) for 95 ft tower would be up to 45 ft deep and 6 ft wide].
2. Construction of tower would be considered extensive and would include filling.
3. Concerns that approving this project would set a precedent for future filing.
4. Impacts to wetland, wildlife, flooding, pollution, etc.
5. Short-term benefits of revegetation.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved (4-2) to grant an order of conditions under the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act (G.L., Ch. 131 §40). A second motion was made, seconded, and denied (2-4) to grant an order of conditions under the Town of Wenham Water Resources Protection Bylaw.

8:16 Certificate of Compliance

Gordon College, Wilson House driveway

DEP file number 326-0246

Commissioner Reid recused himself. Ben Gary, architect, representing Gordon College discussed the as-built plan with commission. Due to costs, project was scaled back from original proposal.

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved by all present (6-0) to grant a certificate of compliance.

8:34 Executive Session

A motion was made to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing the settlement offer proposed by the developer for the 40B project at 70 Burley Street. The motion was seconded and approved by roll call vote.

9:17 A motion was made, seconded, and approved by roll call vote to return to open session.

9:18 Certificate of Compliance

13 Parson's Hill Road (DEP file # 326-0279)

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved by all present (7-0) to grant a certificate of compliance.

9:23 Discussion

1. 346 Grapevine Road. Audubon Society requested guidance from commission for the installation of an underground cable along the present driveway.
2. Bylaw modification. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved by all present (7-0) to post a warrant to include a G.L., Ch 40 §21D provision (enforcement authority to impose fines) in the Wenham Water Resources Protection Bylaw for town election and town meeting.

9:33 Meeting Adjourned. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved by all present (7-0) to adjourn the meeting.